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A Weekly Review Of The Great War

The capture of the capital of Montenegro by the Austrians virtually removes the third of the three buffer states first involved in the war. The Belgians in France and the Serbians in Albania are continuing the fight, but the Montenegrins are cut off from retreat and their king has all but succumbed to the inevitable. Montenegro is surrounded on three sides by the Austrians and on the fourth side are the Albanians, hardly less hostile to the Montenegrins.

The conquest of Montenegro is an important victory for Austria, not because it adds much to her territory or relieves her of a dangerous foe, for Montenegro is both small and weak; but because it puts Austria in secure possession of the bay of Cattaro, "the Gibraltar of the Adriatic." So long as this port was dominated by guns on Mount Lovcen the Austrian warships were not safe here. In fact in October, they were driven out of the inner basin, the Gulf of Cattaro, as well as the middle basin, Tendo Bay, by the four guns of 4½ inch caliber which the French marines stationed on Mount Lovcen. If the French had carried out their plan of mounting 6-inch guns on the summit, the Austrian shipping would have been swept from the outer harbor and the forts about the bay reduced. The concrete foundations had already been laid when in May, 1915, Italy entered the war and undertook the defense of the Adriatic.

But the Italian navy failed to guard the months of Cattaro as closely as the French and British had done previously, so the Austrian submarines have got out and have been raiding Mediterranean commerce with impunity. The Italians also failed to keep their promises to send troops and heavy guns to defend Mount Lovcen, although they have been free to cross the Adriatic any time during the last seven months. So it seems as if Nicholas had lost his kingdom through the neglect of his son-in-law, the King of Italy. In reality the fatal delay was doubtless due to a difference of opinion among the Italian authorities as to the conduct of war, some of them being strongly opposed to any participation in the Balkans. Recently, however, it was decided to enter upon a campaign in Albania and troops have been transported across the Adriatic to Durazzo and Avlona, although apparently too late to prevent the Bulgars and Austrians from overrunning Albania as well as Montenegro.

The French have landed troops upon the Greek island of Corfu,

which lies off the coast of southern Albania, and the Serbian soldiers are being brought here from Albania for recuperation. The wounded have been lodged in Achilleion Castle, the Mediterranean villa of the German Emperor, which was built for the Princess Elizabeth of Austria in 1890.

The German papers denounce the raising of the French flag over Achilleion as a personal insult to the Kaiser as well as a violation of the Greek neutrality, worse even than the occupation of Salonica since Corfu, is like Belgium, under a guarantee of perpetual neutrality by England, Russia, Austria, Prussia and France in the treaties of November 14 1863, and March 29, 1864. Corfu was up to that time under the protection of Great Britain, but the inhabitants longed for union with their Hellenic brethren and manifestations of disaffection were frequent. Finally Bulwer Lytton, when Secretary of State for the Colonies, took the unconventional step of sending Gladstone, because of his interest in Greek literature, to the Ionian Isles as a commissioner to learn the desires of the people, and as a consequence the seven islands were transferred to Greece, which was then placed under a Danish prince, George, father of the reigning King Constantine.

The Greek government has protested to the Allied Powers against this new violation of her neutrality, but is not likely to take any further action since the Allied troops already on Greek territory outnumber the Greek army. The Allied Powers have informed Greece that their occupation of the island is only temporary "in order to save the heroic Serbian soldiers from famine and destruction." It is claimed that the German and Austrian submarines have been using the sheltered inlets of Corfu for repairing, and replenishing their fuel.

It appears that the German assault of the French lines last week was a more serious affair than was at first reported. According to the French account the Germans bombarded their entrenchments along a front of five miles near the butte of Le Mesnil for four days, firing 400,000 shells in the last twelve hours. Then they charged, not in solid column as they used to but in four successive waves. Three waves were stopped by the curtain of fire from batteries of the French 75's but the fourth wave gained the first line of trenches for a distance of three or four hundred yards. Most of this was recovered later by the counter-attacks of the French. The Germans used asphyxiating gases but to little effect, for the wind changed and blew the fumes back over their own ranks. The French unofficial estimates give the enemy's losses as over 25,000.

BIG CHAUTAUQUA AND GET TOGETHER FESTIVAL -- FEB. 4, 5, 7

Next week is the week!

Three days of the finest entertainment Chesterfield has ever enjoyed are scheduled for Feb. 4th, 5th, and 7th.

In the forenoon of each day there will be addresses by such men as Mr. Swearingen, State Superintendent of Education; E. J. Watson, State Commissioner of Agriculture, and our own respected citizen, the Hon. W. F. Stevenson.

It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the people of the town and surrounding community that this Chautauqua is not a money scheme. Aside from a legitimate fee to the artists who are to entertain us there is to be no financial profit to anyone. This is an unselfish move by certain citizens with the praiseworthy endeavor of furnishing a high-class entertainment that will be of distinct value to the community.

The attractions are of a high class and will be both educational and pleasing to all. The following gentlemen pledged three hundred and sixty dollars to obtain for Chesterfield the Chautauqua: Emsley Armfield, O. L. Hunley, H. M. Odom, W. G. White, Jr., D. P. Douglass, Walter Douglass, C. C. Douglass, P. M. Therrell, I. P. Mangum, J. C. Rivers, L. H. Trotti, J. A. Welsh, S. A. Porter, W. J. Perry and D. H. Douglass.

If enough tickets are not sold these gentlemen will have to go down in their pockets and make up a deficit; if more than enough tickets are sold to pay the guarantee to the Chautauqua management, \$360.00, the balance will be given to the Chesterfield High School.

FIRST DAY—FEB. 4TH BOOSTER DAY.

MORNING

10:00 O'clock Addresses on Community Co-operation. By Hon. W. F. Stevenson and others.

AFTERNOON

3:15 O'clock Opening Concert and entertainment. By the Columbia Concert Company.

Program of The Judson Centennial Services

To be held at the Chesterfield Baptist Church, Sunday, Jan. 30th.

Song No. 61
Scripture lesson and prayer.
Isaiah 54:1 and following.

Song No. 51
The "Boy Judson" by John B. Funderburg.

Mrs. R. E. Rivers "To the Children."

Song No. 88.
"The Illuminated Initial," by Miss Mattie Gaddy.

Song No. 143 or 39.

Robie Stanford, violinist; Richie McLean, contralto, soprano, and Mrs. Jeannette Jewell Kellogg comprise a company of exceptional artists capable of delighting any audience in the country.

4:00 O'clock Lecture, "The Coming Man." By Col. George A. Gearhart.

Col. Gearhart's lectures are a forceful presentation of truth, and for rhythm and beauty of diction are remarkable. Col. Gearhart deals in those vital truths that make a great nation and a great people. He discusses the questions which are vital in our national life today.

EVENING

8:15 O'clock Lecture, "Civic Righteousness." By Col. George A. Gearhart.

9:00 O'clock Concert and entertainment. By the Columbia Concert Company.

SECOND DAY—FEB. 5TH EDUCATION DAY

MORNING

10:00 O'clock Educational Rally. Addresses by the leading educators of South Carolina. All the teachers of the county are specially invited by Mr. R. A. Rouse to attend this session.

AFTERNOON

3:15 Impersonations, Songs, and Dramatic Poems. By the Scotch-Canadian Entertainer, Eugene Lockhart.

Lockhart is a humorist of the highest type. His humor is refined, snappy and delicious, and he shows himself an artist in every way.

4:00 Forty-Five Minutes with America's Greatest Magician, Durno, The Mysterious.

Durno is medicine for mind and body. With wit and mystery, he soothes away the wrinkles and helps digestion. He is a comedian, Mephistopheles, humorist, magician, ventriloquist, and philosopher, all in one, interesting, laugh provoking, master of magic. Durno ranks with

Hermann and Kellar, and is the greatest magician now before the public. Every laugh contains a guess, every act a mystery, and every mystery a triumph in delightful deception.

EVENING

8:15 O'clock One Hundred Minutes of fast and furious fun, with Durno & Co., in marvelous feats of Magic and Ventriloquism; and Eugene Lockhart, Entertainer and Dramatic Reader.

THIRD DAY—FEB. 7TH AGRICULTURAL.

MORNING

10:00 O'clock Farmers' Institute. Speaking by the leading agriculturalists of the State.

AFTERNOON

3:15 O'clock Lecture, "Uncle Sam and American Ideals." By Dr. William Rader, Chautauqua Director.

4:00 O'clock Grand Concert.

EVENING

8:15 O'clock Instrumental and Vocal Concert and Entertainment. By the Tyrolean Alpine Yodlers.

It is a thoroughly unique and altogether delightful entertainment which is presented by the Tyrolean Alpine Singers. Dressed in the picturesque native costume they constitute an atmosphere that is like a real breath from the air of the mountains. The simplicity and native air of the mountain folk is maintained without any perceptible artificiality, and they sing and warbel and echo their national songs with an evident enjoyment and zest which it is a pleasure to see and hear.

9:00 O'clock Lecture, "The Making of a Man." By Dr. William Rader.

Peter Clark McFarland, in a notable article in Collier's Weekly, ranks him as one of the twelve great speakers of the country. For twenty years he was one of the pulpit attractions of San Francisco, during which time he distinguished himself in the field of reform.

J. R. Abbott Answers His Adversaries

Editor The Advertiser:

Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to set before the public a clear statement of some matters in which at least a certain portion of the people are interested?

I refer to stories concerning my past life now being highly colored and industriously circulated, presumably with intent to injure the man now holding office of sheriff of this county, by whose appointment I have served the county for three years as rural policeman and deputy sheriff.

First: There is a story that I am a fugitive from justice from the town of Shelby, N. C. This is a nice little story, very cunningly devised, detailing how the papers for my arrest are in the hands of the sheriff, who, out of friendship for me has refused to serve said papers. Now in this connection, I have deemed it best to allow the clerk of the Superior Court of Cleveland County, N. C., to speak for me. Here is his statement:

North Carolina,
Cleveland County.

I, F. L. Hoyle, Clerk of the Superior Court, for the County of Cleveland and State of North Carolina, and custodian of the Court Records of said County, do hereby certify that said records show no criminal charges standing against J. R. Abbott. I also certify that the records show that there never were any charges on said records against the said J. R. Abbott, except two, that of an affray with Henry Graham, and a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, and these two said cases were not pressed at Fall Term 1904, Cleveland County Superior Court.

Witness my hand and official seal, at office in Shelby, N. C., this 21st day of January, 1916.

F. L. Hoyle,
Clerk Superior Court.

[Seal]

Now will those honorable gentlemen who were so sure that the sheriff of this county was negligent in his duty kindly come forward and give some satisfactory evidence of the sheriff's dereliction, I cordially invite you to back your assertions to this effect or back down and admit by your silence that you were only slinging mud without regard to the truth.

Second: There was another story, evidently the creation of a mind of the purest and noble character (?). This story is to the effect that I now have a wife and three children in N. C., while married here and raising a family. Rather than merely content myself with denials of this infamous falsehood, I went

to Union, S. C., recently secured affidavits from my family physician and near neighbors which are here submitted: State of South Carolina, County of Union.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, who being duly sworn, say each for themselves, that they know personally J. R. Abbott and that they knew personally Mollie Abbott, wife of said J. R. Abbott, during her lifetime; that there were no children born to the said J. R. Abbott and Mollie Abbott during their married life.

Deponents further say, each for themselves, that they are informed and believe that the said Mollie Abbott died about thirteen or fourteen years ago, and that since this time, and after the death of the said Mollie Abbott the said J. R. Abbott moved to Chesterfield County, South Carolina, about ten years ago where he was married to Miss Flora Parker.

Signed by, D. H. Montgomery, M. D., J. M. Howell, Mrs. Addie Johns, Mrs. M. S. Edwards, J. H. Wilburn, D. S. Bruck.

Sworn to before me this 8th day January, A. D. 1916.

J. F. Walker, Jr.,
Notary Public for South Carolina.

[L. S.]
Again I ask you, honorable gentlemen, whose own lives no doubt are above reproach, and whose minds and hearts are as pure as the driven snow, I ask you to put up your evidence, or shut up.

J. R. ABBOTT.

Mrs. Ellen E. Kite Passes Away

Mr. Ellen E. Kite, one of the oldest ladies of this section of the State, died last Saturday at the home of her son, Mr. J. W. Hurst. Mrs. Kite was a daughter of Mr. William Massey, and was reared in what is now the Mt. Croghan section of this county. Mrs. Kite was twice married. First to William I. Hurst, who was killed in the war between the States. A few months after the war she was married to Mr. Roland Kite. Mr. Kite died in 1897.

Three brothers, Messrs Reuben and Marshall Massey, who live in Arkansas, and Mr. James Massey of Texas, one sister, Mrs. P. P. Rivers; two sons, Messrs. P. T. and J. W. Hurst, and one daughter, Mrs. Miles Watson, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive her. Mrs. Kite was a life-long member of the Shiloh Methodist Church. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. L. Tyler.

Building Contract to be Let

The trustees for the Black Creek School District will meet on the grounds of said school house on Friday, Feb. 4th, 1916, for the purpose of letting contract for new building. It-p

THE BIG SALE At RATLIFF & HARDISON'S

Is in full blast. Throngs of people are taking advantage of this opportunity of buying goods at greatly reduced prices. This great sale will continue until SATURDAY NIGHT, Feb. 5th.

Our Gingham and lots of other goods were bought before the price advanced, so it will be to your advantage to buy now. Remember we have low prices on all our goods. Everybody is urged to come and see what we are doing.

Sale will positively close SATURDAY NIGHT, Feb. 5th.

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